

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter.

1-7. (Canceled)

Please add the following new claim.

8. (New) A card making device comprising:

character data storage means (13) adapted to store character data;

character data selection means (11) adapted to select specified character data, said specified character data relating to specific characters (31) for a card (60);

character data extraction means (12) adapted to extract said specified character data from said character data storage means (13),

said specified character data being associated with said specific characters (31),

each of said specific characters (31) being displayed on a character selection screen (30),

one of said specific characters (31a) displayed on said character selection screen (30) being user-selectable,

said character selection screen (30) including a cursor (35) to select said one of said specific characters (31a), a select button (32) to trigger said character data selection means (11) when selecting said one of said

specific characters (31a), a cancel button (33) to cancel selection of said one of said specific characters (31a), and an enter button (34) to enter said one of said specific characters (31a);

card layout information input means (14) adapted to input card layout information,

said one of said specific characters (31a) and card layout information being displayed on a character display screen (40) different from said character selection screen (30),

said character display screen (40) being presented upon user-selection of said one of said specific characters (31a);

card display image information generation means (15) adapted to generate card display image information,

said card display image information being displayed on a card layout generation screen (50) different from said character display screen (40),

said card display image information specifying a positioning on said card (60) of said one of said specific characters (31a) and card layout information,

said character display screen (40) including edit buttons to operate said card layout information input means (14), to position said one of said specific characters (31a), and to position said card layout information;

card display image information output means (16) adapted to output said card display image information received from said card display image information generation means (15); and

a printer (20) adapted to produce said card (60), said card (60) being a hardcopy image of said card display image information.